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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION IN TRANSPORTATION: RAIL  
(05.03); RAILWAY TIE SHIPMENT

REF: MOSCOW 1674

1. REQUEST SCIOFF CONTACT LEVTONOV RE FOLLOWING POINTS  
KEYED TO REFTEL:

(A) LEVTONOV CORRECT THAT PORT ELIZABETH, N.J., WHERE  
MOST SOVIET VESSELS DOCK, IS PART OF NEW YORK CITY HARBOR  
COMPLEX. DOT MAKING ALL RECEIVING/SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS  
THROUGH TOM SOMMA OF NORTON, LILLY AND CO., N.Y. (VESSEL  
AGENT), WHO SAYS ETA WALTER ULBRICHT NOW FEBRUARY 9, BUT  
COLD FRONT MOVING IN OFF NORTH ATLANTIC COULD DELAY  
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ARRIVAL UNTIL FEBRUARY 11.

(B) SOMMA SAYS "EXTERNAL TRANSPORT" ORGANIZATION, SOYUZVNESHTRANS, IS OUTSIDE HIS AUTHORITY AND HE NEEDS IMMEDIATE INSTRUCTION TELEX FOR INLAND REPEAT INLAND U.S. DELIVERY PAYMENT FOR WHICH HE CAN EASILY HANDLE BY BOOK-KEEPING TRANSACTION AS AGENT FOR BALTIC SHIPPING COMPANY.

(C) DOT WOULD APPRECIATE VERIFICATION SHIP CAPTAIN V.K. SHEVELEV'S FULL BRIEFING RE SHIPMENT.

(D) WEIGHT/VALUE INFORMATION PASSED TO SOMMA, WHO NEEDS TO HAVE BILL OF LADING NUMBER OF OTHER POSITIVE PACKAGE IDENTIFICATION TO ASSURE SMOOTH HANDLING OF SHIPMENT.

(E) DESPITE UNCERTAINTY RE POSITIVE ARRIVAL DATE OF WALTER ULBRICHT IN N.Y. HARBOR, RAMUNDO'S ABSENCE FROM D.C. UNTIL FEB. 11, AND PARSONS' INCAPACITATION BY SPRAINED ANKLE, SMIRNOV OF SOVIET EMBASSY PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE/CEREMONY AT DOCKSIDE PORT ELIZABETH, N.J. FOR FEBRUARY 10 IN WHICH DOT/AAR WILL PARTICIPATE TO EXTENT FEASIBLE. FYI. FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES SUGGESTED TO SMIRNOV: (1) ISSUANCE JOINT US-USSR PRESS RELEASE ON FEBRUARY 10 (OR PRECISE DATE OF SHIP ARRIVAL) OR, (2) PRESS CONFERENCE/CEREMONY IN BALTIMORE OR CHICAGO, ALL OF WHICH HE REJECTED. END FYI.

2. PLEASE ADVISE ALLEN, DOT, SOONEST. KISSINGER

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